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Georgia's Taxpayers Contribute \$947,815.51 To Three State Funds

ATLANTA – Georgia's taxpayers contributed \$947,815.51 to three state funds using the donations to special funds provision on their 2003 personal income tax return. This is a 14 percent increase compared to the amount donated during tax year 2002.

"Making contributions through their income tax return is a convenient way for Georgians to help their fellow citizens and to protect the state's wildlife," said Georgia Revenue Commissioner Bart L. Graham. "We encourage everyone to contribute to these worthy programs."

The donated amounts were \$247,872.67 to the Georgia Fund for Children and Elderly; \$349,555.15 to the Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer and Ovarian Cancer Research Program Fund; and \$350,387.69 to the Wildlife Conservation Fund.

The Georgia Fund for Children and Elderly supports programs for preschool children with health, educational and emotional needs and funds elderly services, such as home-delivered meals and transportation to medical appointments.

The Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer and Ovarian Cancer Research Program Fund provides money to continue the most innovative and promising research in breast, prostate and ovarian cancer.

The Wildlife Conservation Fund provides money to protect and conserve Georgia's nongame wildlife.

Taxpayers make contributions to the funds by either allocating a portion of their refund to a fund or increasing the amount of tax due by the amount they desire to donate.

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